

The people of Hillsborough have a real connection to their town. The public schools are a source of shining pride to the entire community, and indeed diplomas my children earned at Hillsborough public schools have a place of distinction in our home. The dedicated public servants of the Police, Fire, Public Works and Administration Departments are among the very best in our great state of California. The town cares deeply about their natural resources, and Hillsborough has set a very high standard for preservation of public space and preservation of natural beauty. Indeed, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary, the town will dedicate a new Centennial Park, which will be donated by the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation, which privately raised all of the funds for this wonderful community treasure.

The town of Hillsborough has a rich tapestry of history. Hillsborough has hosted Theodore Roosevelt for a Presidential visit, as well as Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Residents of Hillsborough have included such notable citizens as Bing Crosby, William Randolph Hearst, William Crocker and Rickey Henderson.

There will be a Memorial Day Parade of the Century planned for May 31. There is much to celebrate in the past 100 years in Hillsborough, and I join my many friends and neighbors there in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Hillsborough.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating this great occasion for this great town.

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HONORING STATE SENATOR  
ROGER STEWART'S SERVICE

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**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2010*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Iowa State Senator Roger Stewart for his service to Iowa and our country. Senator Stewart is retiring from the Iowa State Senate at the end of the 2010 state legislative session.

Senator Stewart has represented Dubuque, Jackson, and Clinton County in the Iowa legislature for the past eight years. He has been a principled, pragmatic leader. Communities throughout Iowa have benefited from his commitment to responsible economic development and common sense business practices. Senator Stewart is chair of the Economic Growth Committee and a member of the Ways and Means Committee. He serves on the Rebuild Iowa Committee which is creating conditions for sustainable development in communities damaged during the 2008 Midwest floods and tornados.

Senator Stewart has also been an effective advocate for Iowa farmers and agribusinesses. He has received several awards for his work on agriculture issues including the Chamber Friends of Agriculture Award and the National Banking Award for work during the 1980's farm crisis.

Madam Speaker, the Hawkeye State is fortunate to have great leaders like Roger Stewart. Please join me in thanking the Senator, his wife Jennie, and the entire Stewart family.

HONORING RONALD L. LYNN,  
PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-  
NATIONAL CODE COUNCIL BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS

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**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2010*

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of building safety, and to recognize the leadership of the International Code Council (ICC). The ICC develops and publishes the building safety, energy efficiency and fire safety model codes used in most cities and States of the United States, as well as in many other nations.

We don't have to look far to see how important the issue of building safety is to people in America and around the world. This year, we had sobering reminders of the importance of properly enforced building codes in the aftermath of devastating earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. The loss of life and catastrophic property damage of those disasters might have largely been avoided had modern building codes been in place and enforced, as they are throughout the U.S.

With those tragedies in mind, I want to congratulate the leaders of the ICC who sponsor Building Safety Month, celebrated in May. The leaders of the ICC, including my constituent and the Director of Development Services for Clark County, the President of the Board of Directors, Ronald L. Lynn, of Las Vegas, Nevada; Vice President, James Brothers, from Decatur, Alabama; Secretary/Treasurer, William Dupler, from Chesterfield, Virginia; Immediate Past President, Adolf Zubia, from Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Director Guy Tomberlin, from Fairfax County, Virginia, have joined ICC's Chief Executive Officer Rick Weiland in Washington this week to discuss the critical need to support the adoption and administration of the latest building codes, to make sure Americans are safe at home, at work, at school and at play.

In particular, I am pleased to take this opportunity to celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions of Ron Lynn. During a career that has spanned almost 30 years, Ron has been an incredible asset to the Las Vegas community and has played a central role in helping our city grow. We have all benefitted from his involvement in groups such as the McCarran Airport Hazards Area Board of Adjustment, Nevada Earthquake Safety Council, Nevada Organization of Building Officials, the Western States Seismic Policy Council's Architecture, Engineering and Construction Committee, the Nevada State Hazard Mitigation Planning Steering Committee, and the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology Advisory Committee.

Ron is among the very best of the thousands of men and women who work every day to make sure our buildings comply with building and fire codes. Their work, largely unseen and often unnoticed, is critical to keeping Americans safe.

Congratulations, Ron, on a distinguished career spent ensuring the safety of your fellow citizens, and congratulations to the hard working members and leadership of the ICC.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2010*

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, April 29, 2010, I was not present for rollcall vote 241.

Had I been present for rollcall vote 241, a motion to recommit H.R. 2499, the Puerto Rico Democracy Act, I would have voted "aye."

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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

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**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2010*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Association of California Water Agencies on the occasion of their 100th anniversary, aptly recognized as "A Century of Leadership, Vision for the Future."

The Association of California Water Agencies, ACWA, was established in 1910 after five irrigation districts united as one voice to lay the groundwork for developing California's water supply and delivery system. The Association represents the interests of its members at the State and Federal levels, and assists them in promoting the development, management, and use of quality water in an environmentally balanced and cost-effective manner. Since its inception, the work of the ACWA has been reflected in scores of local, regional and statewide water projects.

As the largest coalition of public water agencies in the Nation, the ACWA has become a leader on California water issues and a respected voice in both the legislative and regulatory arenas in Sacramento and Washington, DC. In 1991, the ACWA expanded its offices to the District of Columbia to advocate for California water communities on Federal issues. Since that time, the ACWA has participated in efforts that led to enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996; efforts to keep MTBE out of drinking water; efforts leading to the issuance of the CALFED Record of Decision; efforts to derail a Federal chlorate cleanup exemption and produced "No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California's Water Future" for the California congressional delegation, among other achievements.

The Association of California Water Agencies has been a guiding force in California's water policy for the past century, and they continue to help shape the laws, policies and regulations that affect the State's urban and agricultural water users. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Association of California Water Agencies for their advocacy and leadership on California water issues, and commending them for the role they have played in developing the State's water policies and regulations. Again, congratulations to the Association of California Water Agencies on their centennial.